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PATENT

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inventor: W. Heine et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3745  
Serial No.: 10/593,043 )  
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Conf. No.: 7261  
  
Title: **WELDED TURBINE SHAFT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
SAID SHAFT**

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Sir:

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the new grounds of rejection presented in the final Office Communication mailed December 23, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit claim amendments (herewith) as well as a specification amendment and remarks (beginning on the following page) in connection with the above-identified application.

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